



Learning from the past to protect the future.

**Alabama Department of Public Health
State Team Meeting Minutes
Montgomery, AL
July 21, 2016**

State Team Members Present:

Conference Call:

Bill Adair (AL District Attorneys Association)
Jannah Bailey (Child Protect Children's Advocacy Center)
Scott Belton (Proxy-Director Michael Sparks-AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Harold Brown (Proxy-Commissioner Nancy Buckner-AL Dept Human Resources)
Joseph Godfrey (Member of Clergy)
Chris Newlin (Private Citizen)
Melissa Peters, M.D. (Children's Hospital of AL)
Gina South (AL Network of Children's Advocacy Centers)
Michael Sparks (AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Chief Steven Parrish (AL Association of Chiefs of Police)
Michael Taylor, M.D. (UAB Dept of Peds Child Abuse Peds Division)
Debra Williams, M.D. (AL Academy of Pediatrics)
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)
Lieutenant Will Wright (AL Dept Public Safety) (Proxy-Colonel John Richardson)
Bill Yates (Proxy-Gregory Davis, M.D.- Jefferson County Coroner/Medical Examiner)

Guests/Staff Present:

Aretha Bracy (ADPH Staff)
Leila Bracknell (AL Sheriff's Association)
Christy Cain (AL Children First)
Wendy Caraway (ADPH Staff)
Joshlynn Edwards (ADPH Staff)
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)
Andrea Love (ADPH Staff)
Xuejen Shen (ADPH Staff)
Qun Zheng (ADPH Staff)

Call to Order

On July 21, 2016, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Department of Public Health conference room 944 in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Aretha Bracy.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Ms. Aretha Bracy welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance.

State Team Membership Update

Ms. Bracy recognized and welcomed a new proxy, Lieutenant Will Wright who will be representing Colonel John Richardson from the Alabama Department of Public Safety. Also, she welcomed Mr. Bill Adair, who replaced Scott Anderson as representative for the Alabama District Attorneys Association. Mr. Adair also serves on the Local Child Death Review Team as coordinator for Walker County. Ms. Bracy stated that there are still two vacant seats which represent the Alabama Department of Forensic Science and Family Practice Physicians. She also explained that she has been in contact with both appointing authorities and expects to have the positions filled soon.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the April 21, 2016 meeting could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

Case Status Update

Ms. Bracy reviewed the case status reports for the years 2012 through 2014. There is 72 percent case completion for 2012, 75 percent for 2013 with the anticipation of an increase, and 16 percent for the year 2014 which are due by April 2017. Ms. Bracy also reviewed the Case Status and Team Performance Report with updates and explained that the goal is to encourage inactive local teams to review their cases.

Public Health Educator Report

Ms. Bracy introduced Joshlynn Edwards as the new Public Health Educator.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Update

ADPH will serve as a supportive role with SADD National. Grant funds received from State Farm could possibly be directed to local chapters instead of national. ADPH has been authorized to provide funding where needed.

CPS Clinics

Ms. Edwards reported that car seat clinics continue monthly where certified CPS technicians properly check and install child restraints at no charge to eligible families. She also reported that ACDRS is currently working toward increasing the number of CPS technicians in the area and that CPS training will be held at the end of October.

Urkeys2drive Update

Ms. Edwards discussed the upcoming #UrKeys2Drv events in Bessemer, Montgomery and Florence and mentioned that she has already had several schools to register for the Florence event and is currently waiting to hear back from others.

Legislative Update

Ms. Christy Cain reported that physicians will undergo a 30 percent budget cut as of August 1, 2016. 40 percent of physicians will no longer accept new Medicaid patients, 20 percent will not service the patients at all,

and 11 percent of the physicians are shutting down practices. She also reported that there is still a shortage of approximately 85 million dollars of funding for Medicaid. She mentioned the “Hashtag I am Medicaid” campaign started by AL Children First to humanize Medicaid in the legislative process.

Tentative 2016 Meeting Dates

- Thursday, November 17, 2016*

* Meeting date has changed due to conflict with Urkeys2drive event.

Open Discussion

Ms. Bracy discussed the suggestion of establishing a facebook page. If agreed upon ACDRS will be responsible for making three posts weekly. More information will be provided at the November meeting. She has also submitted an application for the 32nd International Symposium that will be held in Huntsville. She expects to hear back within a couple of months.

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.